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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

REED ET AL.

Examiner

Harry Vartanian

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 9, 17 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 10-16, 18-20, and 22-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Lines 5-6 of the claim reads "an adaptive filter without prior knowledge **of synchronization of synchronization** of the spreading code". Please correct the typo. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claims 2-3, 10-11, and 18-19 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 2, 10, and 18 each recite the step of "dividing the data vector". Is this in reference to the asynchronous data vector or the filtered data vector? Claims 3, 11, and 19 are objected to for being dependent on an objected base claim. Appropriate correction is required.
3. Claims 5, 8, 15, 16 and 25 are objected to because of the following informalities: each of the claims recite "the data vector". Is this in reference to the asynchronous data vector or the filtered data vector? Appropriate correction is required.
4. Claims 4-8, 12-16, 20, and 24-25 are objected to because of the following informalities: equations are claimed without **each and every** variable being defined. Please look over the equations carefully to make sure all variables, including index variables such as "i", are defined. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 1, 9, 17, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Madhow et al (IEEE 1994). Madhow et al meets the limitation of the claims by disclosing a MMSE interference suppression system for CDMA wherein the near-far problem is addressed by adaptively filtering the incoming CDMA information without knowing the interference parameters (See abstract and conclusion). Madhow recites that the MMSE filtering is done by using an N-TAP adaptive FIR filter (Pg. 3178, Column 2, Lines 18-22). Madhow et al also states that his receiver can be designed for asynchronous symbol transmission (Pg. 3178, Column 2, Lines 28). Madhow fails to teach the step of determining the spreading code once the filter coefficients are adaptively set to avoid interference. However, this step would have been obvious in a CDMA system to one of ordinary skill in the art since the spreading code of the user MUST be determined in order to demodulate the data.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-20, and 22-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims ***-AND- the above claim objections are overcome.***

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry Vartanian whose telephone number is 571.272.3048. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00-6:30 Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571.272.3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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